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In re Application of: Marcussen et al.

Confirmation No: 7010

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Group Art Unit: 1761

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For: An Improved Process For Preparing An Enzyme Containing Granules

AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001.

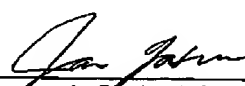
It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action be extended for a period of three months from February 27, 2003 to May 27, 2002. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be \$920.

No additional claims fee is required.

Please charge the required extension, estimated to be \$920, and any other fees due and owing to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 21, 2002


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I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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was sent to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by telefax to the attention of Examiner Hendricks, K., fax number (703) 872-9310.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 and claims 17-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

1. (Amended.) A process for manufacture of a dry enzyme-containing granule, said method comprising mixing at least one enzyme and a particulate component in a mixer granulation process to form a granule, wherein the particulate component has a SPAN value of less than 2.5 and the particles of the particulate component have a mean size of more than 40 μm in their longest dimension, and wherein the particulate component comprises less than 75 % by weight of the finished granule.

12. (Amended.) The process of claim 8, wherein the particulate component has been treated with dry superheated steam.

13. (Amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein the granule further comprises a granulating